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FIRST PHASE OF ROADWORK UNDERWAY ON HWY. 135 IN SANTA MARIA

SANTA MARIA – The southbound lanes of Hwy. 135 at McCoy Lane in Santa Maria are now undergoing re-striping. Construction will take place from 9 am to 3:30 pm. During this work, the lanes will be temporarily reduced in width from 12 to 11 feet to allow large vehicles to have better access for improvements to the curb, gutter and sewer.

Motorists traveling eastbound on McCoy Lane to southbound Route 135 will be able to make a right hand turn from the middle lane instead of the right hand turn lane which will be closed during the project. The sidewalk on the southwest corner will be closed to pedestrians and bicycles.

After a few months, the lanes will be re-striped back to the original 12 feet. This work should be completed in late September. Mercer Construction is the contractor for this project, under permit from Caltrans. Traffic delays should not exceed five to ten minutes.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-568-0858 or visit the District 5 website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upsb.htm>





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